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## ROBIN WILL FIGHT

He Has a Plucky Encounter with a Sparrow-Hawk

Just When He Was About to Be Carried Off by His Fierce Antagonist His Sweetheart Appeared and

A large, sprightly robin, with the brilliant red breast of a male, alighted on the swaying top of a tall, ragged hemlock that stands down back of the post office at Seaberry Settlement, N. Y., and began to sing a plaintive, thoughtful song to a duller-colored bird across the road on the lower limb of a maple. He sang in praise as a timid lover might, but gaining courage sang out louder and louder till, in a burst of beautiful melody, he forgot his own surroundings, as lovers often do, and saw only the sweetheart with whom he would mate.

A brown bird with long, keen wings and hateful speed flew along close to the briars along the bank behind the unconscious singer. With a sharp swerve he rose up, and then the sweet-heart across the road piped a shrill note of alarm and warning just in time. The lover dived down, turned sharp, and escaped the little sparrow-bawk's talons and more cruel bill.

But the hawk was not going to be cheated out of a sweet meal thus. He, too, turned and pressed close after the fleeing robin. It looked as if the robin had sung his last song when the hawk cut off a corner, and came in not two feet behind the robin, peeping in eagerness for prey.

The robin is a timid bird and a goodnatured one. He fears the blackbirds, and hops away from a bullying sparrow; red squirrels are a menace to his life, while cats and hawks drive him wildly away in fear. But there comes a time when a robin, pressed hard for life, or when his home is in great danger, will fight as few straight-billed birds can fight, and drive a coward bird before him or kill a brave one. So it was with this one.

Pressed close by a fierce pursuer, with death and nothing beyond, but everything to live for, he suddenly turned on his enemy and struck at him. Struck full in the breast, the surprised hawk tumbled over backward and fell to the ground. Again the robin struck him on the back before the hawk realized what had happened; then he



THE TWO FACED EACH OTHER.

turned and the two faced each other. J. The robin had lost his appearance of fear and the hawk showed pain and fear. Still he attacked the robin again. The hawk was a practiced fighter. J. His training had all led that way. bird, unless surprised and suddenly dod wields without a Bolt Long combats with agile red squirrels, bluejays, kingbirds, and leaser ones, had given him the skill which only practice Office rear Fourth Nat. Bank. Wichita can give. The robin's life had been different. It had been a peaceful OTTO 6, ECKSTEIN, search for insects and a life of song. nor had nature fitted him with such weapons as his opponent had on foot and head; still the straight bill was a O'ERYAN & CORDON, good weapen.

Three times the two tackled each other. The robin's breast became redder yet with blood. The hawk had lost an eye. The robin's tongue was bleeding and the hawk's breast was scarred deep by the robin's first asstand, but he could not escape, for to STURDEVANT & STURDEVANT, turn to fee would be could be compared to the standard of the standard turn to fee would be could be compared to the standard turn to fee would be could be could be compared to the standard turn to fee would be could b other onto his back; so he fought on desperately.

The fourth tackle he lost his hold THORNTON W. SARGENT, and was sinking back, pressed down by the hawk's greater weight and superior strength. It looked durker then perior strength. It looked darker then for him. So thought the sweetheart on the muple limb. She saw her lover fight, and hopped along the limb and back again, leaning forward eagerly and chirping encouragement to him. Then, when the robin began to weaken, she sprang from the limb and 251 N. Main St. hovered over the two, chirping fear-

As the robin was sinking back exhausted to fall an easy prey to the hawk, she dived down straight as ever a hawk-dived and struck the victor between the wings in the back. It was a death blow, and when she and her lover sat on the mople limb side by side blood was on her bill, while the Especial attention given to the insertion hawk lay dead with a broken back, to be picked up later by the taxidermist. 144 North Main St.

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A Narrow Escape. "Do you know, my dear," said young Mr. Hilltop to his sweetheart, "I don't think much of your mother.'

"Sir!" she exclaimed, in frigid tones, drawing herself up to her full height.

"You see, I think so much of you, that I really have no time to devote to thoughts of others, not even of such a thoroughly estimable lady as your mother." - Pittsburgh Chronicle-Tele-

About His Stre "There," said one old erony another, to whom he was showing the lions of the town, "that's the statue of

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To Make the Fourteenth Maud-Willie, I wish you hadn't proposed to me to-night.

Willie-Why, pray? Maud-Because you made the thir-teenth, and now I am actually compelled to encourage old Von Gotrocks to propose, so as to break the spell of bad mek.-N. Y. World.

It Was Too Risky. Reggy-What do you suppose a fel-low's chances are for getting a good wife?

Tom-I should say they were about equal to the chances of his being a good husband.

Reggy-By Jove! Then I guess won't marry.-Illustrated Monthly.

Hard on George. George-My dear Miss Laura, the highest wish I have in life is to marry-Laura (interrupting him)-You had better speak to my mother. George-Oh, thanks. I never before thought I had any chance.

Laura-I know she would like to

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